

Dear GAE Committee,

My name is Alex Taubes. I am a civil rights attorney in New Haven, Connecticut. I write in strong support of SB 761, the bill to codify the right of candidates to seek childcare reimbursements using public campaign finance funds. As an attorney, I represented Caitlin Clarkson Pereira in her effort to change the law and allow candidates to seek reimbursement for child care expenses made necessary by campaigns. I am proud to report that, last year, the Connecticut Superior Court ruled in our favor, and the SEEC decided not to appeal the ruling. *Pereira v. SEEC*, HHB-CV19-6054160-S (Aug. 27, 2020). The ruling is available at the following link:

<http://civilingquiry.jud.ct.gov/DocumentInquiry/DocumentInquiry.aspx?DocumentNo=19402293>

This legislation will codify that ruling and ensure that it is binding for all future candidates. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
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